

Appendix A

Ammunition Basic Load

Ammunition basic loads are MACOM designated quantities of Class V supplies that allow units to initiate combat operations. Basic loads are combat-deployable using organic transportation in a single lift. This appendix provides a list of references and general guidelines relevant to all Army units for determining personnel/command responsibilities, implementing requisition and storage procedures, and conducting inventory and quality assurance programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

A-1. Responsibilities of key personnel/commands for ABL management are as follows:

- *Commanders* at all levels coordinate distribution of ABL data, review ABL computations, approve ABL authorizations, ensure ABL is on hand or on requisition, maintain the unit's ABL file, conduct annual internal reviews of the ABL file, and coordinate with supporting ammunition inspectors to ensure stockpile serviceability.
- *Ammunition Supply Points or Depots* manage stockpiles and coordinate with the supporting MMC to ensure enough ammunition is on hand and serviceable to provide for all supported units. Also, they maintain a suspense file of all prepositioned requests and coordinate requirement updates with supporting units at least annually.
- *QASAS* perform inspections of ABL in the possession of the owning unit at least annually. QASAS also notify owning units of any ammunition information notices that may affect their on-hand ABL.
- *Supporting MMCs* coordinate with supported units and the ASPs/depots to ensure adequate serviceable munitions stocks are on hand. This is accomplished by ensuring that ABL shortages are placed on requisition and providing disposition instructions for ammunition excess to ABL requirements. The installation commander/ammunition office may be required to accomplish the MMC related management.
- *The NGB Chief* prepares ABL data for ARNG units designated to mobilize. Also, he forwards the data to ARNG state headquarters for distribution to units.
- *ARNG state headquarters* distribute automated and manually prepared ABL data to ARNG units for review and update. The headquarters reviews and approves ARNG changes to ABL authorization lists, forwards approved lists and requests for issue to mobilization stations, conducts annual reviews of unit ABL files, and provides status to the chief of the NGB.

BASIC LOAD AMMUNITION

A-2. Basic load ammunition encompasses conventional ammunition and missiles that a unit must have on hand or on request at all times. Basic load can be further broken down and defined as:

- *TAT ABL*. Ammunition that either can be carried by or accompanies the soldier, uploaded on a combat vehicle or on organic transportation, during deployment.
- *Non-TAT ABL*. Ammunition that cannot accompany the soldier or be loaded in or on unit combat or transport vehicles during deployment.
- *Ammunition combat loads*. HQDA designated quantities carried by each deployable weapon system to initiate combat as determined by TRADOC materiel developers.

PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A-3. AR 710-2 and MACOM policies authorize basic load ammunition. Drawn basic load ammunition is maintained on property books IAW hand receipt procedures described in DA Pam 710-2; records of responsibility are required. MACOMs designate which units are required and able to stock ABL and which will have on hand a properly authenticated request for issue. Guidelines for determining ammunition responsibility and accountability are as follows:

- When a unit is approved to physically draw and store their ABL, they will prepare a properly authenticated DA Form 581 and submit it to the supporting ASP/depot. MACOMs establish procedures for submitting and obtaining required approval on the DA Form 581.
- All other units not designated to draw and store their ABL will submit a properly authenticated DA Form 581 to the supporting ASP/depot for planning purposes. Both the ASP/depot and the unit will maintain a copy of the request. The request is used to ensure that adequate serviceable stocks are on hand and to speed the issue process in event of deployment. MACOMs establish specific procedures for the units to follow.

A-4. Various methods apply to ABL accountability. How ABL is stored determines which of the following methods will be used:

- The storage location retains accountability for the ammunition when the basic load is not issued to the unit and is stored at the supporting ASP or depot. The ASP/depot assigns the ammunition to the MACOM designated account code and accounts for it using the approved ammunition STAMIS (usually SAAS-ASP). The unit should record on the property book page the document number from the DA Form 581 request. ABL managed in this manner need not be segregated from other on-hand stocks at the ASP/depot.
- The unit maintains accountability when the ASP/depot issues the basic load to the unit, posts it as a loss to the ammunition STAMIS, and the unit provides its own secure storage area. Responsibility is assigned to the individual having custody of the keys to the storage area using hand receipt procedures described in DA Pam 710-2-1.

- The unit maintains accountability when the ASP/depot issues the basic load to the unit, posts it as a loss to the ammunition STAMIS, but provides a locked storage location for access because the unit lacks secure storage facilities. Responsibility is assigned to the individual having custody of the keys to the area using hand receipt procedures described in DA Pam 710-2-1.
- The unit maintains accountability when the ASP/depot issues the basic load to the unit, posts the issue as a loss to the ammunition STAMIS, and provides secure storage for the ammunition but does not limit access to the owning unit. Responsibility for the ammunition is assigned to the ASP/depot accountable officer using hand receipt procedures in DA Pam 710-2-1.

INVENTORY

A-5. Basic load ammunition will be inventoried IAW AR 710-2. MACOMs will establish procedures and guidance for maintaining physical security and conducting basic load inventories IAW DA Pam 710-2-1. At a minimum the inventories must—

- Be accomplished monthly when ABL is issued to the owning unit and is stored in a secure location (IAW AR 190-11).
- Be accomplished daily when ABL is in the possession of the owning unit and not stored in a secure location (IAW AR 190-11).
- Be accomplished semiannually (CIIC 1, 5, and 6) and annually (other than CIIC 1, 5, and 6) when stored and accounted for by the ASP/depot.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

A-6. Only Condition Code A ammunition (serviceable, issuable without qualification) will be used to fill basic load requirements. Units will coordinate with the supporting QASAS to have any on-hand basic load inspected at least annually by an ammunition inspector. Units having on-hand ammunition stocks must also coordinate with the supporting QASAS or ASP/depot to ensure that they obtain relevant ammunition information notices of suspensions or restrictions. If on-hand ammunition is determined to be unsuitable for continued use as basic load, the unit will coordinate with the supporting ASP/depot for turn-in and replenishment.

REFERENCES

A-7. The following references apply to this appendix:

- AR 190-11, *Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives*.
- AR 220-10, *Preparation for Overseas Movement of Units*.
- AR 710-2, *Supply Policy Below Wholesale Level*.
- DA Pam 710-2-1, *Using Unit Supply System*.
- DA Pam 710-2-2, *Supply Support Activity Supply System*.
- SB 38-26, *Ammunition Supply Rates (Classified)*.